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Econ/Pol Counselor shared reftel views/questions with Austrian MFA Director for East Asia Bernhard Zimburg on Dec. 12. Zimburg replied that Austria intends to speak in Geneva on December 7 and raise both questions about and recommendations for DPRK human rights practices. He reported that Austria is "informally and loosely" coordinating its remarks there with other EU Missions. He was appreciative of the insight into U.S. plans. EACHO